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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/15/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Applicants Amendment filed on 11/15/2004 has been reviewed.
2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 2-31 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
3. Lewis was cited as prior art in a previous Office Action.
4. Claims 2-31 are presented for examination.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC ' 103***

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 2-18, 20-26 and 28-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Lewis et al. (Lewis) patent no. 6,601,209 in view of Edison (art cited by applicant) patent no. 6,526,581.

As to claims 2, 9, 16 and 24:

Lewis teaches the invention substantially as claimed in claim 2, including a transmitter [transmitting device 12 of Fig. 1] coupled to a wireless Internet communication channel 16 for transmitting non-telephone data [MPEG, see summary of

the invention] packets [see Fig. 2] over the channel [see claim 1], the transmitter comprising:

An encoder [video encoder 18, BCH link coding 20 and RS link coding 21 of Fig. 1] for encoding each non-telephone data packets to form encoded non-telephone data;

An interleaver [interleaver 22 of Fig. 1] coupled to the encoder for interleaving each encoded non-telephone data packets to form interleaved encoded non-telephone data packets; and

A modulator [modulator 24 of Fig. 1] coupled to the interleaver for modulating each interleaved encoded non-telephone data packets to form modulated interleaved encoded non-telephone data.

Lewis does not explicitly teach the wireless communication channel is non-dedicated local area network channel. Edison teaches a non-dedicated local area network including a gateway 13 for transmitting/receiving non-telephone data over a power line 23 and a twisted pair channels [see Fig. 1 and claim 14]. The gateway comprising an internal interface comprises a local wireless data communication interface and a local area network interface [ see claim 16].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention was made to combine the teachings of Lewis and Edison by modifying the local wireless data communication interface of Edison's gateway 13 to include Lewis's transmitter/receiver for transmitting/receiving data packets over wireless Internet communication channels as taught by Lewis. This modification would have been obvious and a person having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do so because it would provide the home network a reliable data transmitting/receiving over fading Internet communication channels [see Lewis col. 1 lines 15-20].

Similarly, Lewis also teaches a receiver 14 [see Fig. 1] comprising a demodulator 40, a deinterleaver 38 and a decoder 34 as set forth in claim 9.

Furthermore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention was made to enhance the teachings of Lewis to provide a communication circuit for use with a computer for transmitting and receiving non-telephone data packets as set forth in claims 16 and 24.

As to claims 3, 10, 17 and 25:

Edison teaches the channel is provided by a telephone line [see twisted pair 21 of Fig. 1].

As to claims 8, 15, and 31:

Edison teaches the HPNA protocols [col. 7 lines 58-67].

As to claims 4-7, 11-14, 18, 20-23, 26, and 28-30:

Lewis and Edison do not teach CRC encoding, interleaver read into the array row-by-row and read out column-by column, the number of columns equal to the maximum size of a codeword, number of rows equal to the maximum size encode data packet to be handled, the HPNA protocols.

Official Notice is taken that the CRC encoding, interleaver read into the array row-by-row and read out column-by column, the number of columns equal to the maximum size of a codeword, number of rows equal to the maximum size encode data packet to be handled are well known in the art of error correction.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Lewis and Edison to include the well known features such as the CRC encoding, interleaver read into the array row-by-row and read out column-by column, the number of columns equal to the maximum size of a codeword, number of rows equal to the maximum size encode data packet to be handled, encoder perform encoding in software as part of a software driver for a chip set. This modification would have been obvious and a person having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do so because it would improve the error correction for data packets.

7. Claims 19 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Lewis et al. (Lewis) patent no. 6,601,209 in view of Edison patent no. 6,526,581 and further in view of Lewis et al. (Lewis) patent no. 6,725,372.

As to claims 19 and 27:

Lewis (patent '209) and Edison do not teach encoding with software by a chip set. However, Lewis patent '372 teaches that technique is well known for implementing the MPEG encoder/decoder [see patent '372 col. 8 lines 27-41].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention was made to implement the combination teachings of Lewis and Edison a chip set for encoding/decoding as taught by Lewis. This modification would have been obvious and a person having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do so because it would improve the estate of the integrated circuit.

***Response to Remarks***

8. Applicant argued that (A) the prior art does not teach a non-dedicated local area network channel.

9. As to point (A), Edison, the newly cited art, teaches [see Fig. 1] a local area network 11 including 2 non-dedicated local area network channels 21 and 23.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention was made to combine the teachings of Lewis and Edison by modifying the gateway 13 for transmitting/receiving the non-telephone data packets as taught by Lewis over the power line 23 and the twisted pair 21 of the home network 11. This modification would have been obvious and a person having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do so because it would provide a reliable data transmission data packets over communication channels [see Lewis col. 1 lines 15-20].

### ***Conclusion***

10. The prior art of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-3828. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th from 5:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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